

Explore Bowhunting Program

Dear Prospective Sponsor:

Explore Bowhunting is an outdoor skills and conservation education program, which focuses on enhancing participants' interactions with nature. This unique program specifically teaches students to better understand wild animals' life requirements and behaviors, and in turn to get closer to them. Explore Bowhunting helps to impart timeless skills that can be used to hunt, watch, photograph, film and build and over all confidence of being in the outdoors.

This program addresses many education standards in the fields of Biology, Physical and Life Sciences, and Personal and Social Perspectives. Explore Bowhunting encourages active outdoor recreation, which can only help participants' health and well being. The 23-lesson course covers such topics as: wildlife calls, wildlife scents, deer anatomy and ecology, animal tracking, concealment, shot placement and distance judgment. It will be taught by elementary, middle and high schools, parks, and other organizations across the state of Kentucky beginning in summer 2011.

Explore Bowhunting relies heavily on hands-on activities to aid students' learning experiences, and uses items ranging from food materials (crafted by students to simulate a deer's internal anatomy) to archery and other outdoor equipment (used to teach topics ranging from camouflage to the basics of outdoor archery). Because of the need for replacement supplies, local sponsorship will be essential to its success in your community. On behalf of the Department of Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Resources, I would like to *thank you in advance for your support of local Explore Bowhunting programs to help keep youths actively engaged in the outdoors*. In addition to supporting the program locally, if you are interested in sponsoring Explore Bowhunting on a statewide basis, please contact Katie Haymes at Katie.haymes@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

Katie Haymes

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